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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  $\square$  continuation  $\boxtimes$  divisional  $\square$  continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R.  $\S$  1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/979,765 filed on November 27, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

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1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).



2.  $\square$  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
- 20		TOTAL	\$770.00	\$0.00

3.		A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.		Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.		Enclosed is/are $\underline{\text{nine}}$ (9) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
6a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/979,765 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
6b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.	$\boxtimes$	The prior application is assigned to <a href="Tanabe Seiyaku">Tanabe Seiyaku</a> <a href="Co., Ltd">Co., Ltd</a> .
8.	$\boxtimes$	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9a.		Priority of Application No(s) filed in on is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on

- 9b. Priority of International Appln. <a href="PCT/JP00/001695">PCT/JP00/001695</a> filed on <a href="March 21">March 21</a>, 2000 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and <a href="Japanese">Japanese</a> Application No. <a href="147635/1999">147635/1999</a>, 266425/1999 and <a href="Japan">268846/1999</a> filed in <a href="Japan">Japan</a> on <a href="May 27">May 27</a>, 1999, September 21, 1999 and September 24, 1998, respectively under 35 U.S.C. <a href="Japanese">§ 120</a> and/or <a href="Japanese">§ 119</a> are hereby reclaimed.
- 10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- 11. Address all future communications to:

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- 12. An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_() month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/979,765 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
- 13. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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